Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It seems only yesterday that we were welcoming our new Kindies into ‘Big School’, and yet here we are, near the end of Term one with only one week left before a well deserved break. Things have been so busy this term, that the time has literally raced by. I guess the saying is right – ‘Time flies when you’re having fun!’

For those people keeping score at home, here is a list of some of the projects and achievements that we have completed/made at Prestons PS this term:

* Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten
* Swimming Carnival
* High School Visits
* Smart Start Workshops
* West Tigers Visit
* Debating Challenge Day
* Active After School Sports
* Harmony Day and Workshops
* Stage 3 Cyber Safety Workshop
* Meet the Teacher BBQ (to occur this week!)

* Class re-organisation
* Regional Swimming Carnival
* Best Start Parent Workshop
* Cops and Kids League Event
* Stage 2 Excursion
* TEN Teacher training Program
* Clean Up Schools Day
* Easter Hat Parade

And those are just the major things!

Is it not surprising then, that we are all a little tired? I’m sure when the holidays roll around next week, we will ALL enjoy the well deserved break!

**MEET THE TEACHER BBQ**

The Meet the teacher BBQ will be occurring TOMORROW afternoon @ 5pm. If you have not sent back an RSVP – you can still do so – or just come along on the night. I hope to see everyone at this fun and worthwhile event!

**P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM will be held NEXT TUESDAY at 6pm in the staffroom. I hope lots of people can attend this important meeting.

Mark Greentree - Principal
Assembly Info

K-2

Tuesday at 2.15pm
Every week

Book Club
The ‘Bookclub Sale’ orders have arrived. These orders were distributed to students today.

April School Holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kids camps/

School Zone Safety
A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones. School zones exist for the safety of children and families. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days. Find out more: http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadssafety/schoolzoneprogram.html

Voluntary Contributions
Help us reach our goal!!!

$1,190 = 37 Families

Pictures from our Easter Hat Parade

K-2 Info – With the cooler weather approaching please ensure your child has a change of clothing in their school bag ie. spare shorts, underpants and socks, in case of those little emergencies.

If your child has been provided with clothing from the office please ensure to return the washed clothing as soon as possible.

Student of the Week Award Recipients

KA - Ekroop
KL - Vanisi
KS - Amar
1K - Mario
1MB - Pera
1S - Raymond
2B - Paris
2N - Mohamad
2S - Emma
3SH - Jacoby Shania
3R - Nihara Fotini
3/4H - Ri-Lee Brock
4E - Muhammad Ayaat
4RM - Isabella Diana
4/5B - Retty Lameah
5/6J - Clarissa Abdirahman
5/6N - Aaliya Khaled
5/6S - Kylie Hamish
5/6T - Waleed Raymond
KS

KS boys and girls have settled in at Prestons and are enjoying their first year at school.

This term, the students in KS have been learning names and sounds of letters of the alphabet. They enjoy singing ‘Ants in Apple’ every morning.

In Mathematics, students are learning counting and ‘friends of ten’ using the ‘ten frames’.

The students are also beginning to write sentences stating recounts of events which are made into booklets to be read by everyone.

I went to Liverpool to buy some games.

Written by Lucas

3/4H

Term 1 is nearly over and what a crazy, busy and productive term we have had in 3/4H!

I’m proud of the way the students in 3/4H have progressed well and very quickly both in maturity and with their learning!

We have been learning new skills and excellent sportsmanship strategies by going outside to play a variety of sports and this has been closely linked to our unit of study in Science on the Human Body. We know that people, who are active, dramatically reduce the risk of many diseases, including heart disease and osteoporosis. Only six out of ten children aged between five and fourteen years participate in sport outside of school, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics so we have been engaging in as many different sporting activities as we can to keep fit, healthy and happy at school – active children learn more!

Our excursion was awesome! We got to chain up Evan, see a sheep shearing demonstration and we even walked through all the amazing old shops and houses that people lived in in the 1800s. But surprisingly, it was the free range chickens that the kids couldn’t get enough of!

Thank you so much to all the parents who donated boxes of tissues and soap to our class – you have no idea how much we need those.

Homework is still something that we need to make sure that we are on top of. There are many students who are not into a routine with homework and learning their spelling. Spelling is very important at this age as it aids Reading and Writing a lot.

If you would like to volunteer your time in our class, (even it is only thirty minutes a week) it would be appreciated by both me and the students to have an extra set of ears to listen to students read.

Clean Up Australia Day

Convict Evan on the chain

Our sports skills session

Classroom Chat with .....
AUTUMN 15 to 26 April 2013

School Holiday Program

Come to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre for another fun-filled school holiday program of workshops and activities. These programs are designed especially for children and families and through animation, drawing, music, dance, puppetry, performance and theatre work, children are encouraged to think, create and participate in exploring their own ideas and talents.

For bookings contact 8568 8200 or visit casula.powerhouse.com for more information.

Week 1

Monday 15 April

Monday Morning Art

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Come for half a day to experience Casula Powerhouse’s beautiful art centre. Learn about the Centre’s vision and purpose.

Colourful wall posters

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Create a vivid poster that expresses yourself in colour. Using coloured paper and glue, you’ll design and create a poster that will brighten up your day.

Tuesday 16 April

Making a Shadow Puppet

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Create a traditional shadow puppet that can Light up the space in multiple ways, materials such as paper, card, color and ink. You’ll take home your own puppet to keep forever.

Clay coffin animals

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 18)

Create your own clay coffin animal and keep it as a souvenir for your collection.

Wednesday 17 April

Make a Terrarium planter

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Make your own terrarium planter stand and create a mini garden with succulents. We’ll bring you out of town to get your hands dirty.

Clay animal models – Clay House

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 18)

Learning to make a clay model using a variety of techniques you’ll keep your clay animal at the end of the day.

Thursday 18 April

Collage and Mixed Media Art

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Collage and the mixed media of paper and other materials can be a fun way to explore the ideas and experiences of children. We’ll help to develop their own ideas and concepts.

Collage and Mixed Media Art

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Learn how to create a collage using a variety of materials and techniques. You’ll take home your own collage to keep forever.

Friday 19 April

Metal Casting

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Learn how to make a metal casting using a variety of methods and techniques. You’ll take home your own metal casting to keep forever.

Friday 26 April

Glass jewellery making and art science

10am – 1pm (max capacity: 20)

Learn how to make your own glass jewellery using a variety of materials and techniques. You’ll take home your own glass jewellery to keep forever.

Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents - Parents

This workshop explores the symptoms displayed by children and adolescents with depression and/or anxiety. It examines treatment, diagnosis, causes and related risk factors. There is a focus on what parents can do to support these children.

Date: Tuesday 14 May, 2013

Time: 6.00pm-8.30pm

Venue: Learning Links Mt Pritchard–

1154/14 Grace Road, Mt Pritchard 2190

Cost: FREE

Suitable for: Parents and Carers ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

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